

HAGLEY CREEK KIDS REQUEST DONATIONS FOR PAWS AND PEOPLE ASSISTING WOUNDED WARRIORS (PPAWWS)

Wilmington, Delaware – July 2012 – Hagley Creek Kids, high school students participating in a volunteer youth leadership program, are partnering with Paws and People Assisting Wounded Warriors (PpaWWs), to raise awareness of the challenges wounded veterans face today during their July 17 and 22 program. PPAWW is a nonprofit who provides Service Dogs to Wounded Warriors who suffer from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and mobility issues. The Creek Kids are asking for donations of leashes, dog toys, and collars at their “Black Powder” program, a kid-friendly event that will focus on military and non-military uses of black powder. Activities will be 12:30 to 4 p.m. The cost is included in museum admission.

Janet and Bill Austin, representatives from PpaWWs, will talk to visitors about the program and service dogs. Bill’s dog, JP, will also attend the event. Visitors can learn about JP’s responsibilities for Bill and the benefits of service dogs for veterans. Donations of any dog-related item will be accepted: leashes, collars, dog toys, flea and tick medicine, shampoo, and bedding are suggested.

The Creek Kids have an afternoon of activities for families. Kids can make gunpowder truffles (an edible treat) and powder kegs, discover how different colors are made for fireworks, and explore an encampment – complete with enlisting and drilling. Hagley’s signal cannon will be fired during the program.

The Creek Kids program is supported, in part, by Mercer Health & Benefits Company.

About PpaWWs

Paws and People Assisting Wounded Warriors does not provide fully trained dogs, but rather young dogs that have passed a temperament test, been house-trained, socialized, and taught basic manners. Warriors participate in a six month program that focuses on a series of training stages and exercises for the Warrior/Dog team that both customizes the dog to the Warrior's needs as well as providing cognitive therapy for the Warrior.

PpaWWs’s mission is to help Wounded Warriors with Traumatic Brain Injury and Combat Stress Syndrome (PTSD) heal mind, body and spirit through the guided training and therapy of Service Dogs. More information is available at www.PpaWWs.org.

About Hagley Museum and Library

In the spirit of the du Pont family who founded the black powder mills along the Brandywine, Hagley Museum and Library is committed to giving back to our community. The museum is located on Route 141 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Admission to the entire 235-acre museum is \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and senior citizens, \$4 for children six to fourteen, and free for members and children five and under. Hagley asks that pets stay home.

Hagley Museum and Library collects, preserves, and interprets the unfolding history of American enterprise. Call (302) 658-2400 weekdays for more information or visit www.hagley.org.